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SERENITY

In this world of turmoil the very sight of the word Serenity brings to our weary souls a feeling of ineffable peace. It lasts but for a moment, hardly have we recognized its presence when it is already away—yet the memory remains.

What brought us that glimpse of another world? The touch of a soul where serenity dwells. What robbed us of it? Inharmony within. How can Serenity be ours, never to leave us?

It is not, as most people imagine, our outer circumstances that disturb our peace; it is our own attitude towards those circumstances. If we were differently constituted, we should not suffer as we do; in other words, the things or the persons that distress us, do so because of something within ourselves that is vulnerable. More than that even, the troubles in our environment are largely of our own seeking—strange and unwelcome as this thought appears—for they follow us wherever we go, thus showing that we call for them by something that we do or think without knowing it.

If there is in us a strain of jealousy—concealed and unrecognized, perhaps—this will tinge our views of others (and theirs of us) and will imperceptibly act on our environment with a depressing and narrowing influence, assuredly causing us and those about us much misery. Or it may be a tendency to criticize little things or to backbite and gossip; we would not for worlds do anybody any harm, but we cannot help noticing, with disapproval, little ways and acts in certain persons whom we meet. This causes us a restraint in their presence which they feel (and which others feel also), and we lose our friends.

Whatever fault we find in our neighbor is first in ourselves; if it were not present in our own character, we should not remark it in another. This is a law, and is beginning to be recognized and observed.

All of this, and much more, prevents our feeling "In tune with the Infinite," and drives peace far from us.

Love, it is that we need, and yet more love, so that we may see in our fellowman only his excellencies, and never his shortcomings. Then we shall dwell serene.

The natural man is full of desires; he wishes ardently for the good things of this life, for knowledge, for advancement in his profession, for wealth, for love, for comfort, for leisure, for travel—for hundreds of perfectly legitimate ends, and he desires to realize these, because they constitute what he believes to be happiness for him. The natural man knows no higher aim than happiness.

Happiness, however, of this nature is not serenity. Serenity is not attained by the gratification of desire, or of desires.

Serenity is the fruit of Faith.

To dwell serene we must have faith; faith in ourselves, faith in our fellowman, and above all, faith in God.

When we are sure that God is, and that He is good, we shall not brood morbidly over deeds done in the past, which are gone by, out of our reach to undo or repair. We shall leave these to the love of our Father, who will understand all that we would have done but did not. We know that He is good, therefore why should we fear or indeed think any more about what we cannot remedy. The past is past.

When we know that God is good, and when that knowledge has become a part of our life, so that we act upon it, we shall not spend our time and energy in conjuring up all sorts of imaginary evils that may possibly happen to us in the future—and may possibly not happen; this is a morbid and unprofitable occupation to be avoided by every sane person who knows anything about the power of thought and imagination. For not only is the time thus spent wasted, but the evils so imagined and pictured tend to reflect themselves in some way in the life of him who built them up.

Since God is good, we can safely leave our future in His hand as we have left our past.

But the present, anxious, conscientious soul, how about the present? Suppose, wearied toilers, you man of business working early and late for a bare subsistence for your family—your mother and housewife, whose work is never done, planning and contriving in anxious care for the wants of those dear to you—suppose that for one day, one short day! you could live in the consciousness of the presence of God. Suppose that it could become a real truth to you that it was not you, but the Father Who had to provide; that all that you had to do was to work serenely, without haste or care for the outcome, without anxiety or any regard for consequences whatever!

Suppose that you could believe with a real living faith that you were not required to run the universe, or even your own little end of it, but that the Father would put within your reach all things

desirable for you and yours without any struggling and striving on your part; that all you had to do was to work quietly and calmly wherever you were, and watch your opportunity to make any changes that might seem preferable, without haste or desire!

When we know, with a living faith, that God is good, we can have no further anxiety about the welfare of the members of our family who appear to be straying from the fold. If they wander from us, they cannot go beyond His care, and He is good.

"My burden is greater than I am able to bear," one says. "The thought of serenity is a mockery to me." Yet Faith can remove mountains, and faith in the God in our fellowman shows us new ways of bearing our burden, so that it becomes less heavy, until at last it disappears.

Only Faith in the goodness in all things can give serenity.

And this faith in the goodness in all things and in all men can only come from faith in God.

"Take therefore no anxious thought for the morrow; for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself." "Consider the lilies of the field how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin, and yet, I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." "For your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things."

BASIC PRINCIPLES OF THE O. E. SOCIETY

1. The Universe is One, therefore all are united in Universal Brotherhood.
2. The existence of a supreme Deity.
3. Man is a spiritual Being, and as such is responsible for his actions.

PRINCIPLES OF DEVELOPMENT

1. The ascendancy of the Spiritual Man.
2. The development of the individuality or soul nature.
3. The entire submission of the personality or man of emotions and desires, to the higher nature.
4. The cultivation of the Will and its practice in the daily life in harmony with the Divine Will.
5. Non-resistance or the Law of Love.
6. The realization of positive thought-force and the rejection of the negative states of fear, doubt and morbidity.
7. The strict accomplishment of all the duties of the daily life without any thought of reward, leaving the result to the Divine.
8. The Order does not teach or endorse hypnotism, spiritism or any negative, psychic practices, but teaches and points out their dangers.
9. The disciple seeks alone for active service in the world—his motto being "To rise by raising others."

Our Society does not offer spiritual instruction for money, nor does it teach that the higher knowledge can be gained in any other way than by the greatest purity of life and thought.

The Best Ways to Start a Mail-Order Business; a Complete System and Set of Lessons for Beginners, *Wm. A. Heacock*.....paper.. 3.00 (.06)
 The Occult Review; monthly, London, edited by *Ralph Shirley*.

Books on Outing and Nature Study, *O. E. L. List*
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The Best Ways to Start a Mail-Order Business. The mail-order business is said to offer one of the best openings for people with small capital. It is also one of the best ways of losing what little capital you have. It is so beautifully simple; you buy at wholesale price and sell at retail, and your profit is the difference, less cost of postage and packing—and the profit on many classes of mail-order goods is several times their wholesale cost. And there are always plenty of kind gentlemen who are ready to advise you how you may get rich quick by selling their goods. You read how this or that man started with a five-dollar bill and his bedroom for an office and is now doing a business worth millions. Do not be deluded. To sell things you must find someone who will buy, and buy from you rather than the other fellow. And that means advertising—one of the most difficult of arts. It means holding your customer, for the first sale often does not pay the cost of getting him. It means a great many other things we should like to frighten you with if we had time. Mr. Heacock's book is the product of an expert. It is a series of lessons which we have read and to which we can honestly say amen. But it is only an introduction, the A, B, C, which every prospective mail-order man must master before he has the ghost of a chance of success. The price, while high if measured as paper and printer's work, is but a small part of what you would waste on your first, and probably fruitless, advertisement, or your first lot of ineffectual circulars. The lessons are first principles, not schemes for those who want to be told what line to take up.

The Occult Review. There are not a few occult periodicals, high class—and otherwise—most of which are devoted to certain schools of thought, and others to exploiting their readers in some fashion or another. We have nothing to say against the former, and the latter are usually betrayed by their bark. The really independent review is an exception. Among them we think that *The Occult Review* stands easily the first for the purposes of the general reader. The original articles represent all phases of occultism, and are usually well written. The editorial articles by Mr. Shirley are exceptionally able and independent. While written by an occultist, they show the critical tone and common sense of the business man. There are also reviews of current literature of this class. As long as the supply lasts we shall be pleased to send a sample copy to anyone requesting it. Current numbers, costing 15 cents, and

annual subscriptions, costing \$1.75, can be obtained from the Library.

Outing. How do you intend to spend your coming vacation? Are you going away unprepared to make effective use of your time, and so fail in getting that physical exercise and mental relaxation which you need? Are you going to sit around on a hotel porch and bore yourself and others, or are you going to have some definite plan? Are you going abroad unprepared to understand what you will see, and so have to sit up nights reading a guide book, or read it in the train instead of seeing the country? Are you going into the midst of nature unprepared to appreciate and enjoy the innumerable interesting things you might see if you would but take the trouble, and the study of which would be a joy forever after?

We have prepared a list of books on Outing and Nature Study which are just what you need. They tell you how to travel, camp, sail, canoe, swim, hunt, fish, play outdoor games, learn about animals, plants, trees, birds, rocks, minerals, the geology and geography of the places you visit, and how to pass a rainy day. All of them can be bought, and most can be rented, and taken with you if you wish. Ask for List No. 11.

BOOKS RECEIVED

Notices of these books will be given in the BULLETIN as soon as possible.

Family Health, <i>Myer Solis-Cohen, M. D.</i>	1.00	(.10)
An authoritative publication, treating of the dwelling, bath, clothes, nervous system, food, medicine and emergencies.		
The Care of the Consumptive, <i>C. F. Gardiner</i>	1.25	(.12)
Insects and Disease, <i>Rennie W. Doane</i> , illustr.....	1.50	(.12)
Most complete discussion in print. Interesting to specialists and to general reader.		
Physical Perfection, <i>Sylvester J. Simon</i>	1.50	(.09)
Diseases of Children, <i>J. F. Goodhart and G. F. Still, M. D.</i> (deposit).....	5.00	(.30)
The Family Doctor; Dictionary of Domestic Medicine and Surgery Especially Adapted for Family Use, <i>E. Barrett</i>	1.25	(.10)
Gout; Its Pathology and Therapy, <i>Hermann Strauss, M. D.</i>	1.00	(.08)
The Care of the Child, <i>Mrs. Burton Chance</i> , illustr...	1.00	(.10)
Deals with mental and moral problems as well as physical.		
Confidential Chats with Boys, <i>Wm. Lee Howard, M. D.</i>	1.00	(.07)
Confidential Chats with Girls, <i>Wm. Lee Howard, M. D.</i>	1.00	(.07)
Koradine, A Prophetic Story, <i>Dr. Alice B. Stockham and L. H. Talbot</i>	1.00	(.13)
The Mother Play and Nursery Songs, <i>Friedrich Frobel</i>	1.50	(.13)
Lessons on the symbolism of all material things.		

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General (Continued from March 31)

Business Management, <i>James B. Griffith</i>	2.00	(.18)
Business Power; a Practical Manual in Financial Ability, <i>Frank Channing Haddock</i>	3.00	(.19)
The personal factors; Economic laws and business maxims; Psychology in business; Business in fact. By one of the most widely read writers, author of Power of Will.		
The Culture of Courage, <i>Frank Channing Haddock</i> ..	3.00	(.17)
Power for Success, <i>Frank Channing Haddock</i>		
.....sold only..	10.00	
Making of a Merchant, <i>Harlow N. Higinbotham</i>	1.50	(.15)
Talks by one of Chicago's foremost merchants, a member of Marshall Field & Co., and President of the Columbian Exposition.		
Dollars and Sense, <i>Col. Wm. C. Hunter</i>		
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Thirty years of experience condensed. Deals with Ambition; Compensation; Advertising; Financing; Dividends; Saving; Speculation; Success, etc.		
How Great Men Succeed, <i>C. D. Larson</i>50	(.04)
Mastery of Fate, <i>C. D. Larson</i> , free list.....	.50	(.03)
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An exceedingly popular collection of short, helpful essays.		
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The Psychology of Success, <i>Wm. W. Atkinson</i>	1.00 (.10)
The Will, <i>Wm. W. Atkinson</i>	1.00 (.10)
Thought-Force in Business and Everyday Life, <i>Wm. W. Atkinson</i> , free list.....	1.00 (.07)
Mr. Atkinson is the apostle of common sense in New Thought. You can succeed only by working for the traits which lead to success—not by sitting down and concentrating or calling on the gods to stand and deliver. "Thought-Force" is the book we commend to those who want facts, not theories.	
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More in demand than any other book of its kind.	
Concentration and Acquirement of Personal Magne- tism, <i>O. Hashnu Hara</i>	1.00 (.07)
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How to Develop Power and Personality, <i>Grenville Kleiser</i>	1.25 (.15)
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Education of the Will, <i>T. Sharper Knowlson</i>	1.50 (.12)
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Poise and Power, <i>C. D. Larson</i> , free list.....	.50 (.03)
Your Forces and How to Use Them, <i>C. D. Larson</i> ...	1.50 (.11)
Have You a Strong Will? <i>Charles G. Leland</i>	1.50 (.11)
The Mystic Will, <i>Chas. G. Leland</i>50 (.06)
(Classified List continued in the following BULLETIN.)	

JUDGE NOT

"Judge not, that ye be not judged."
Canst fathom a brother's pain?
Canst read in his inmost heart,
And reckon his loss or gain?

"Judge not, that ye be not judged."
Thou hast, with a kind intent,
Demolished thy brother's plan,
Then grieved at the deed well-meant.

O read in the book of life!
And catch through the ages dim
The glint of his soul's pure gold;
Thy love will o'erflow to him.

His faults, like a faint mirage,
Shall fade; and the way he trod
With pain and with sorrow paved,
Shall shine as the path to God.

And seeing thy brother's soul—
Thy self, by one God begot—
Thy Spirit shall cry, Forbear!
And echo the words—Judge not.

—Ariel.